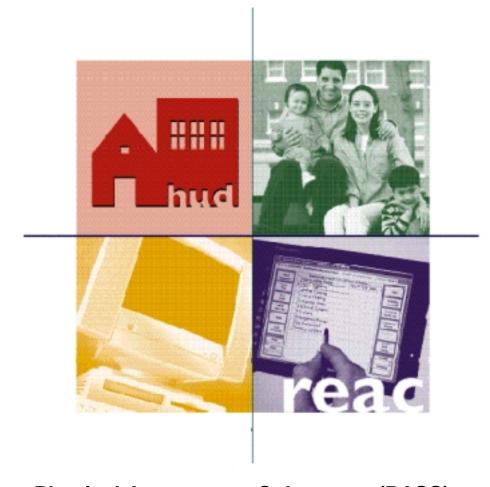
# Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling Quick Reference Guide Version 1.0 For Independent Inspectors



# Physical Assessment Subsystem (PASS) Release 4.0

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC)

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# Introduction

The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) national management center created to centralize and standardize the way HUD monitors and evaluates the physical condition, as well as the financial condition of HUD properties. This includes over 3,000 Public Housing Agencies (PHA) and over 30,000 Federal Housing Administration (FHA) multifamily insured, direct loan, HUD-held, and Section 8 project-based subsidized properties.

The Physical Assessment Subsystem (PASS) is a Web-based subsystem developed by REAC to monitor the physical condition of HUD properties based on on-site physical inspections. One component of PASS is Scheduling where inspection schedules are managed.

# **Objectives**

The purpose of PASS Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling is to provide Servicing Mortgagees with a tool to effectively manage physical inspection scheduling details.

Servicing Mortgagees have access to property and scheduling information within their own organization. Servicing Mortgagees can search for inspection schedules, based on specified criteria (e.g., city, dates, etc.), and can modify basic property information. As a Servicing Mortgagee, they will select HUD REAC certified inspectors to work for their organization. From those inspectors they can select one or more to be Master Schedulers for their organization. The Master Scheduler is responsible for scheduling the organization's inspections to Independent Inspectors. Not all of the Servicing Mortgagee's properties have to be scheduled by the Master Scheduler. The Servicing Mortgagee can schedule inspections as well.

As an Independent Inspector, you will use Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling to review and update the date and time of inspections scheduled to you.

# **Accessing Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling**

# Security

PASS Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling is a secure, Web-based system containing sensitive public housing information. A HUD-issued user ID is required to use the system. Authorized users only have access to inspection scheduling information for properties associated with their FHA number.

Authorized users for PASS Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling include:

- Servicing Mortgagees
- HUD REAC certified inspectors responsible for scheduling inspections (Master Schedulers), and conducting on-site physical inspections (Independent Inspectors) at HUD properties
- HUD REAC personnel responsible for monitoring HUD properties

# Authorized User Login

To access PASS Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling, Independent Inspectors must log in using their six-character HUD-issued user ID (e.g., M12345).

### To access PASS Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling:

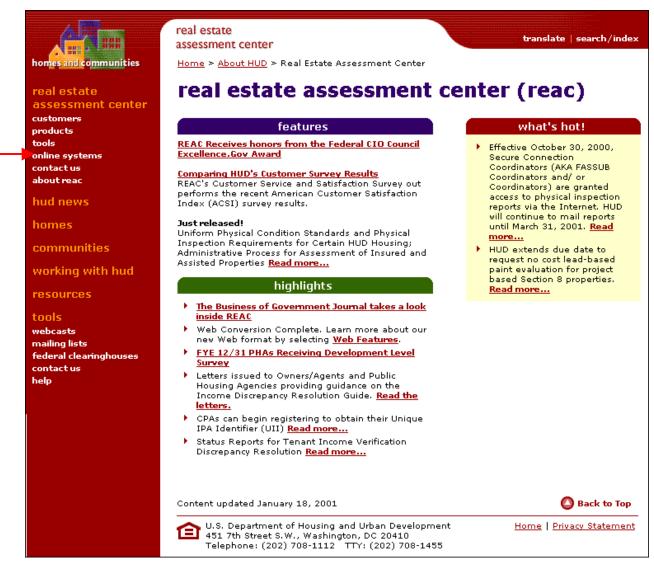
1. Open the Internet browser (e.g., Netscape). The example shown is the Yahoo main page.



2. Enter the following URL address in the *Location* field:



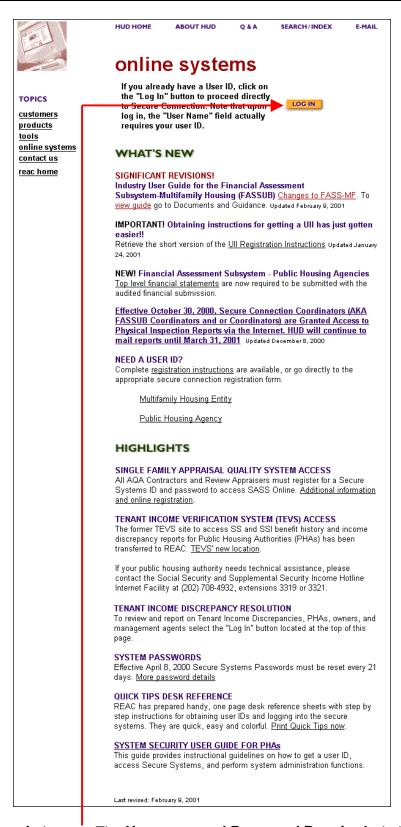
The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) home page displays (next page).



**NOTE:** The content of this page is updated on a regular basis, therefore, the appearance may vary.

-3. Click on the online systems link under the REAC heading on the left. The Online Systems screen displays (next page).

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4. Click on the **Log In** button. The **Username and Password Required** window displays (next page).

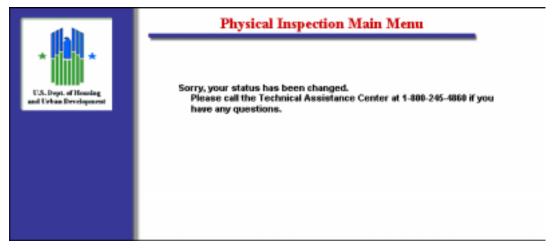
- 5. Enter your user ID (e.g., M11111) in the *User Name* field. The user ID is case-sensitive; remember to use a capital letter.
- 6. Tab to the *Password* field and enter your password.
- 7. Click on the OK button.



If your ID has been de-certified (inspector has permanently lost inspection privileges), you will see this screen and will not be able to access the Scheduling application.



If your ID has been de-activated (inspector has temporarily lost inspection privilege), you will see the screen below. You should contact the Technical Assistance Center if you have any questions.

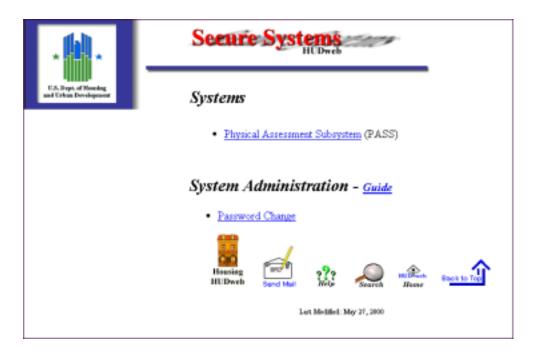


If your ID is active, the Secure Systems Legal Warning screen displays.

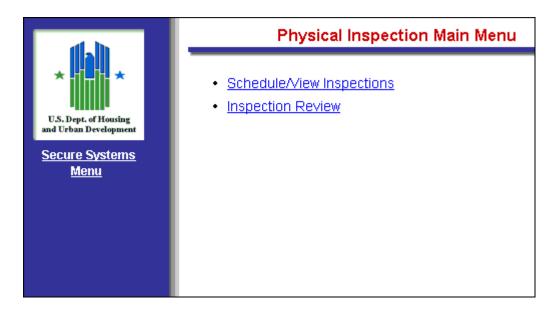


8. Click on the Continue button. The **Secure Systems** screen displays.

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9. Click on the **Physical Assessment Subsystem** (PASS) link. The **Physical Inspection Main Menu** screen displays.



10. Click on the <u>Schedule/View Inspections</u> link to review or modify inspections. One of three screens displays if the you work for more than one Servicing Mortgagee and/or contractor organization, as demonstrated in the following table.

# **Independent Inspector**

# If you are the....

# **Schedule Inspections Query Screen Displays**

Independent Inspector for only one Servicing Mortgagee organization the **Schedule Inspections** query screen displays.



# If you are the....

# **Servicing Mortgagee Inspection Scheduling Screen Displays**

Independent Inspector for more than one Servicing Mortgagee, then the **Servicing Mortgagee Inspection Scheduling** screen displays.

Select the appropriate Servicing Mortgagee from the Servicing Mortgagee drop-down list.

Click on the Inspection Scheduling button, to begin the scheduling process.



# **Independent Inspector**

# If you are the....

Contractor/Servicing Mortgagee Inspection Scheduling Screen Displays

Independent Inspector for a Servicing Mortgagee(s) and an inspector for Contractor(s), then the

Contractor/Servicing Mortgagee Inspection Scheduling screen displays.

Select either the Contractor or Servicing Mortgagee organization from the corresponding drop-down list.

Click on the Inspection Scheduling button, to begin the scheduling process.

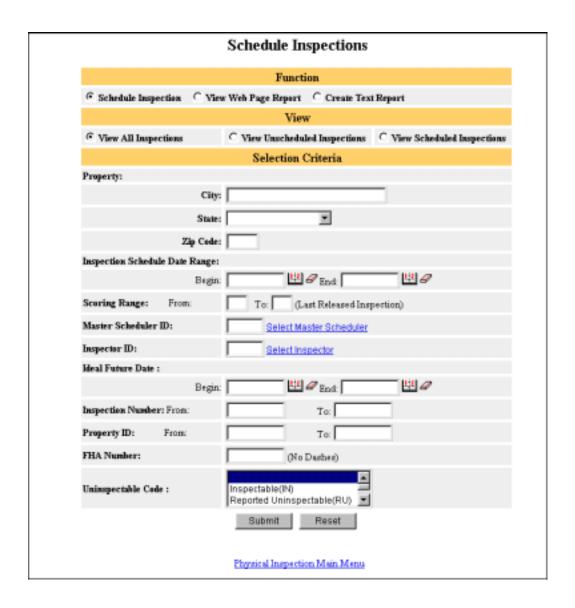


**NOTE:** Independent Inspectors and contractor inspectors only have access to those inspections scheduled to them.

# **Schedule/View Inspections**

# Schedule Inspections Query Screen

The **Schedule Inspections** query screen allows Independent Inspectors to search for specific inspection assignments. Independent Inspectors can request to update inspection schedules or view inspection reports using this screen. Searches can be narrowed in scope by entering specified criteria such as: *City, State, Zip Code, Inspection Schedule Date Range, Scoring Range, Master Scheduler ID, Inspector ID, Ideal Future Inspection Date, Inspection Number(s), Property ID(s), FHA Number,* and *Uninspectable Code.* 

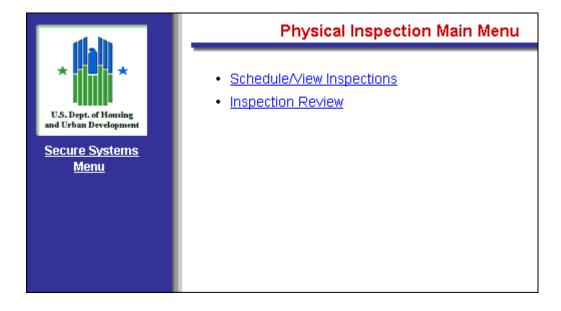


SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS SCREEN				
Feature	Description			
© Schedule Inspection	This function allows Independent Inspectors to modify their scheduled inspections.			
○ View Web Page Report	This function allows Users to view <b>Inspection Schedule Reports</b> for scheduled inspections, unscheduled inspections, or both scheduled and unscheduled inspections.			
	Independent Inspectors can view only scheduled inspections.			
© Create Text Report	This function allows downloading and updating of large volume of data (e.g., inspection schedule, inspection property, and inspection participant information) using Microsoft Word. After the data is revised, the data is sent to REAC via the Bulk Upload Process.			
	Independent Inspectors do not have access to the Bulk Upload Process, so this function is unnecessary.			
© View All Inspections	This view option allows Users to view both scheduled and unscheduled inspections.			
	Independent Inspectors can view only scheduled inspections.			
<ul> <li>View Unscheduled</li> <li>Inspections</li> </ul>	This view option allows Users to view unscheduled inspections.			
	Independent Inspectors do not have access to unscheduled inspections.			
© View Scheduled Inspections	This view option allows Independent Inspectors to view their scheduled inspections.			
Select Master Scheduler	The <u>Select Master Scheduler</u> link prompts a pop-up window. The pop-up window displays all HUD REAC certified inspectors associated with the Servicing Mortgagee.			
	Selecting a specific <u>Inspector ID</u> link on the pop-up window closes the window and places the inspector ID in the <i>Master Scheduler</i> ID field.			
Select Inspector	The <u>Select Inspector</u> link prompts a pop-up window. The window displays all HUD REAC certified inspectors associated with the Servicing Mortgagee.			
	Selecting a specific <u>Inspector ID</u> link on the pop-up window closes the window and places the inspector ID in the <i>Inspector ID</i> field.			

SCHEDU	LE INSPECTIONS SCREEN
Feature	Description
Submit	This button initiates the action to locate schedule information based on information entered for the query.
Reset	This button returns all fields to the original information.
Physical Inspection Main Menu	The Physical Inspection Main Menu link returns Independent Inspectors to the Physical Inspection Main Menu screen, where other PASS components can be accessed.

### To access the Schedule Inspections query screen:

Click on the <u>Schedule/View Inspections</u> link on the **Physical Inspection Main Menu** screen.



The **Schedule Inspections** query screen displays.



# **Query Fields**

The query fields in the Function and View sections of the **Schedule Inspections** query screen are required fields. Independent Inspectors must select one option in each section. The system automatically displays as the default, *Schedule Inspection* in the Function section and *View All Inspections* in the View section of the screen.

All the query fields in the Selection Criteria section are optional. To execute a search, Independent Inspectors can enter data in all, some, or leave the fields blank. The more information provided in the query search reduces the number of unnecessary results. For example, if 25 inspections are scheduled to an Independent Inspector, and no specific information about those inspections is specified, the **Inspections Schedule Report** displays all 25 inspections once submitted. However, if an Independent Inspector prefers to view only scheduled inspections for the state of Virginia, they select Virginia in the *State* field and the **Inspections Schedule Report** displays only those scheduled inspections for Virginia.

- The *Function* section determines what Independent Inspectors can do with the inspection information by clicking on the appropriate radio button. Independent Inspectors have three options:
  - Schedule Inspection allows Independent Inspectors to enter or modify schedule information on the Inspections Schedule Report.
  - View Web Page Report allows Independent Inspectors to view or print the Inspections Schedule Report.
  - Create Text Report allows Independent Inspectors to download an inspection schedule, inspection property, inspection participant and participant role reference information.
- The **View** section allows Users to search for scheduled, unscheduled, or all inspections (scheduled and unscheduled) by clicking on the appropriate radio button.

- The *City* field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by a particular city.
- The State field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by states and territories using the drop-down list.



- The Zip Code field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by entering the postal zip code.
- The *Inspection Schedule Date Range* allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspection schedules within a range of dates, selecting the *Begin* and *End* dates of the time frame, and by clicking on the calendar icon.

### To use the calendar box:

- 1. Click on the calendar icon to view the current month in the calendar box. The current date is highlighted.
- 2. Select a date by:
  - Click on a date (e.g., 20) to select a date in the current month.
  - To move backward or forward by year, click once on the symbols (I< or >I) per year.
  - To move backward or forward by month, click once on the symbols (< or >) per month.



 Independent Inspectors can also use the drop-down arrows to select the month and year from the Month and Year menus. The calendar changes when the month and year are selected, then the Independent Inspectors click on a specific date within the month.

Once a date is selected, the calendar box closes or click on the control **X** icon to close the window.

**NOTE:** If a date is only entered in the Begin field, the query results will list all inspection schedule date ranges equal to or greater than the inspection schedule date entered.

If a date is only entered in the End field, the query results will list all inspection schedule date ranges equal to or less than the inspection schedule date entered.

To generate a search for one inspection schedule date, enter the same date in the Begin and End fields.

 The Scoring Range field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by score(s) of the last released inspection.

**NOTE:** If a score is only entered in the From field, the query results will list all scores equal to or greater than the score entered.

If a score is only entered in the To field, the query results will list all scores equal to or less than the score entered.

To generate a search for one score, enter the same score in the From and To fields.

• The Master Scheduler ID field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections using the Master Scheduler's ID number. Enter the Master Scheduler ID number in the field. Independent Inspectors can also click on the <u>Select Master Scheduler</u> link to view a list of all Inspector ID numbers on the **Inspector List** screen that have been selected to work for the Servicing Mortgagee. Click on an Inspector ID link (e.g., <u>M00519</u>) to select a Master Scheduler Inspector or leave blank. The **Schedule Inspections** screen redisplays once an *Inspector ID* is selected from the **Inspector List** screen.



NOTE:

The **Inspector List** screen contains the Inspector ID numbers of both, Master Schedulers and Independent Inspectors selected by the Servicing Mortgagee. There is no special listing that displays *only* Master Scheduler ID or Independent Inspector ID numbers.

• The Inspector ID field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by the Inspector 's ID number. Enter the Inspector ID number in the field. Independent Inspectors can also click on the <u>Select Inspector</u> link to view a list of all Inspector ID numbers that have been selected by the Servicing Mortgagee. Click on the <u>Inspector ID</u> link to select an Inspector ID. The **Schedule Inspections** screen displays once an Inspector ID is selected from the **Inspector List** screen.



NOTE: The Inspector List screen contains the Inspector ID numbers of both Master Schedulers and Independent Inspectors selected by the Servicing Mortgagee. There is no special listing that displays only Master Scheduler ID or Independent Inspector ID numbers.

• The *Ideal Future Inspection Date* allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspection schedules using the ideal future inspection date, selecting the *Begin* and *End* dates of the time frame by clicking on the calendar icon.

### To use the calendar box:

- 1. Click on the calendar icon to view the current month in the calendar box. The current date is highlighted.
- 2. Select a date by:
  - Click on a date (e.g., 20) to select a date in the current month.
  - To move backward or forward by year, click once on the symbols (I< or >I) per year.
  - To move backward or forward by month, click once on the symbols (< or >) per month.



• Independent Inspectors can also use the drop-down arrows to select the month and year from the Month and Year menus. The calendar changes when the month and year are selected, then Independent Inspectors click on a specific date within the month.

Once a date is selected the calendar box closes, or click on the control **X** icon to close the window.

**NOTE:** If a date is only entered in the Begin field, the query results will list all ideal future inspection dates equal to or greater than the ideal future inspection date entered.

If a date is only entered in the End field, the query results will list all ideal future inspection dates equal to or less than the ideal future inspection date entered

To generate a search for one ideal future inspection date, enter the same date in the Begin and End fields.

• The *Inspection Number* field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by a specific inspection or for a range of inspections.

**NOTE**: If the inspection number is only entered in the From field, the query results will list all inspection numbers equal to or greater than the inspection number entered.

If the inspection number is only entered in the To field, the query results will list all inspection numbers equal to or less than the inspection number entered.

To generate a search for one inspection number, enter the inspection number in the To and From fields.

• The **Property ID** field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by a specific property ID or a range of property Ids.

**NOTE**: If the Property ID number is only entered in the From field, the query results will list all property ID numbers equal to or greater than the property ID number entered.

If the Property ID number is only entered in the To field, the query results will list all property ID numbers equal to or less than the property ID number entered.

To generate a search for one property ID number, enter the property ID number in the To and From fields.

• The *FHA Number* field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by a specific FHA number.

The *Uninspectable Code* field allows Independent Inspectors to search for inspections by an uninspectable status selected from the drop-down menu.

### The codes are:

- IN Property is inspectable (default)
- RU Property is being reported as uninspectable (inspection cannot be scheduled)

### The following codes are only assigned by HUD:

- VI Property has been verified by HUD as inspectable and is being referred back for inspection (inspection can be scheduled)
- VU Property has been verified as uninspectable (inspection cannot be scheduled)

**NOTE:** Inspections with an Uninspectable code of VU cannot be downloaded to a Data Collection Device (DCD).

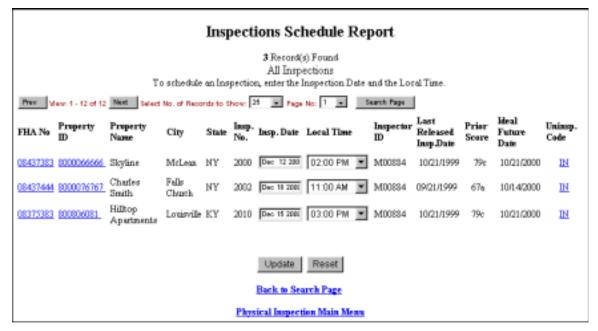
Once criteria from the Function, View and Selection Criteria sections are selected, click on the Submit button, and one of the following screens or options displays:

- Inspections Schedule Report (to schedule/reschedule inspections) via the Schedule Inspection function
- Inspections Schedule Report (to view scheduled/unscheduled inspections) via the View Web Page Report function
- Text Reports via the Create Text Report function. Remember Independent Inspectors do not use this function.

# Inspections Schedule Report

Once the **Schedule Inspections** query screen is updated and submitted, the **Inspections Schedule Report** (for all inspections, scheduled or unscheduled inspections) displays. The **Inspections Schedule Report** contains basic information on scheduled, unscheduled or both scheduled and unscheduled inspections based on specified criteria for those inspections assigned to the Independent Inspector. The Independent Inspector can *only* update the *Insp. Date* and/or *Local Time* fields.

To ensure the integrity of the data, any modifications to the inspection schedule or property information should be made prior to downloading the inspection.



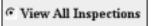
**NOTE:** Only scheduled inspections appear on the Inspections Schedule Report for Independent Inspectors.

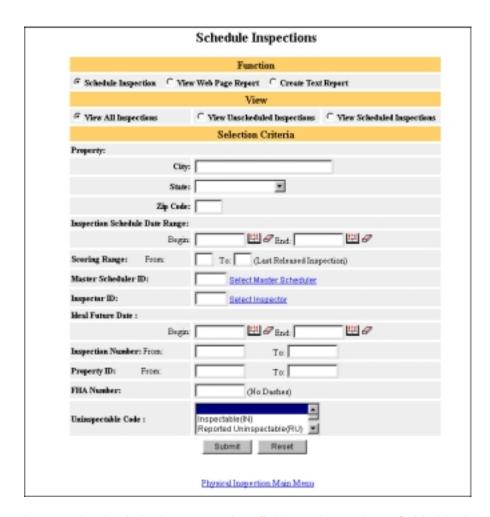
SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS REPORT				
Feature	Description			
Prev View: 1 - 25 of 30 Next	These buttons allow Independent Inspectors to view information on the previous screen or next screen. In this example, there are 25 records on the current screen. To display the remaining 5 records click on the Next button. Once records 26-30 are displayed, click on the Prev button to return to return to records 1-25.			
Select No. of Records to Show: 25	Sets the number of records displayed at one time. The system automatically displays 25 records at a time. Records display in increments of 25, 50, 75, 100, 200 or 250 records on a screen.			
Page No: 1 ▼	The list of scheduled inspections can contain more than one page. To view another page, select a different page number from the drop-down list.			
	For example, if viewing page 5 of 10 pages, and the Independent Inspector selects page 8 from the drop-down list, page 8 displays.			
Search Page	Returns Independent Inspectors to the <b>Schedule</b> Inspections query screen.			
FHA No and Property ID links	Both links allow Independent Inspectors to view or update the <b>Property Information</b> screen for a particular property.			
Insp. Date	Enter the date of the inspection using this format: MM/DD/YYYY (e.g., 02/23/2001).			
Local Time	Inspections are scheduled based on the local time between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM in half-hour increments.			

### SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS REPORT **Feature Description** Identifies the inspectable status of a property. The code can Uninsp. only be changed from IN to RU. Clicking on an Code uninspectable code link prompts a pop-up window where the Independent Inspector updates the fields with the information that was provided rendering the property uninspectable. **Note:** If the Uninspectable Code is changed in error, contact the Technical Service Support Center. The codes are: IN – Property is inspectable (default) RU – Property is being reported as uninspectable (inspection cannot be scheduled) The following codes are only assigned by HUD: VI - Property has been verified by HUD as inspectable and is being referred back for inspection (inspection can be scheduled) VU – Property has been verified as uninspectable (inspection cannot be scheduled) **Note:** Inspections with an Uninspectable code of VU cannot be downloaded to a Data Collection Device (DCD). Button schedules or reschedules the inspection based on Update: the information entered. Reset Button returns all fields to the original information. Back to Search Page link returns the Independent Back to Search Page Inspectors to the **Schedule Inspection**s guery screen. Physical Inspection Main Menu link returns Independent Physical Inspection Main Menu Inspectors to the **Physical Inspection Main Menu** screen where other PASS components can be accessed.

### To revise an inspection schedule:

- 1. Click on the Schedule Inspection radio button in the Function section on the Schedule Inspections query screen.
- 2. Click on a view option in the *View* section of the screen. In this example is selected.

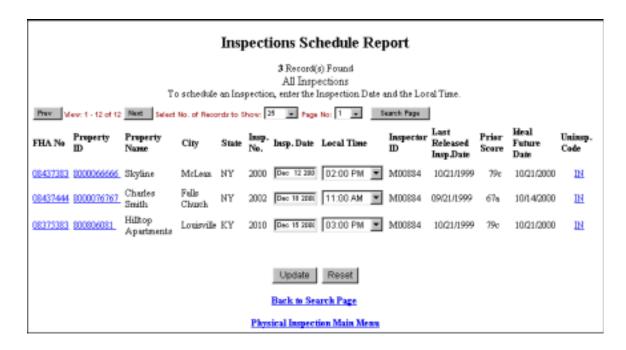




3. Enter the search criteria in the appropriate fields, or leave these fields blank.

**NOTE:** If all fields are left blank, the search will be larger in scope.

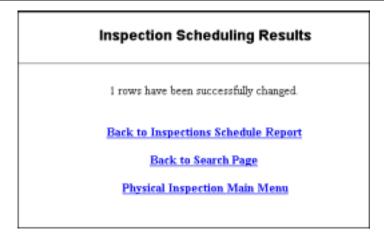
4. Click on the Submit button. The Inspections Schedule Report displays.



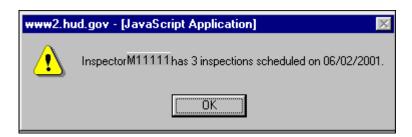
**NOTE:** The complete table may not display on the screen. Use the scroll bars in the table to view all columns and rows.

The **Inspection Schedule Report** shows basic information for all inspections that match the specified search criteria.

- When an Independent Inspector modifies an inspection schedule the following two fields must be updated:
  - Insp. Date (Inspection Date) The correct format for the Insp. Date field is MM/DD/YYYY
  - Local Time The time of the inspection 7 AM − 3 PM in half-hour increments.
- 5. Click on the Update button. The **Inspection Scheduling Results** screen displays confirming the schedule changes (next page).



**NOTE:** If an inspector is scheduled for more than two inspections on the same date, a warning message is displayed to inform of the scheduling conflict. However the database is still updated with the scheduled inspection. The following is an example of this message:



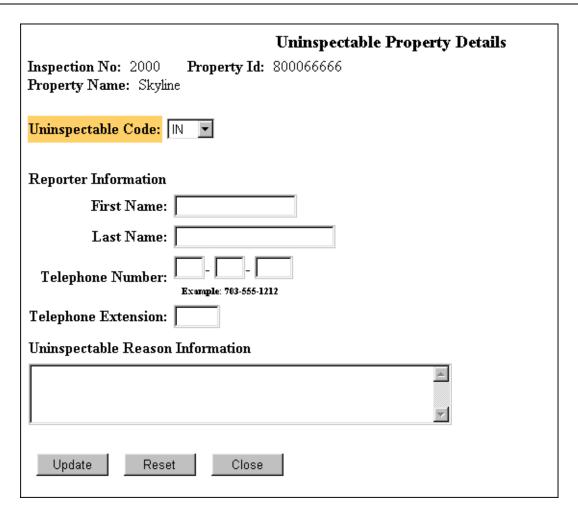
An Independent Inspector must update the **Uninspectable Property Details** screen if a property is determined to be uninspectable.

### To update the Uninspectable Code:

1. Click on an <u>IN</u> code link in the *Uninspectable Code* column to update.

The Uninspectable Property Details screen displays.





- 2. Update all the fields (telephone extension is optional).
- 3. Click on the Update button. The following message appears.



4. Click on the button and the **Inspections Schedule Report** redisplays listing only those inspections with the uninspectable code of IN.

## To View Property Information screen from the Inspections Schedule Report:

Click on the *FHA No.* or *Property ID* link on the **Inspection Schedules Report** to review and update the **Property Information** screen. The SKYLINE (800066666) property is shown below.

	SI	cyline		
	Property	Information	n	
Property ID:	800066666	FHA Num	ber:	08437383
Inspection No.:	2000 Building Count		ount:	0
Property Name:	SKYLINE			
Property Addres	ss:			
Street:	1592 Skyline ST NW			
City:	McLean	State: NY Z	ip:	20202 . 0000
Phone:	(202) 70849	Fax:	02708	34932
Email:				
Management A	gent Information:			
Name:				
Organization:	STEVEN MANAGEMENT COMP	ANY, INC.		
Street:				
City:	Rockville	State: MD Z	ip:	20603 _ 0424
Phone:	(703) 4356787 ext- 467	Fax:		
Email:	stevenmanagement@erols	.com		
	Update F	Profile Reset		

# Independent Inspectors can edit all fields on this screen to update the property information.

- a. Click in the appropriate field and enter new or revised data.
- b. Click on the Update Profile button to save the property information in the database. A message displays confirming the update.

# Update Profile The Profile update was successful. Back to Search Page Physical Inspection Main Menu

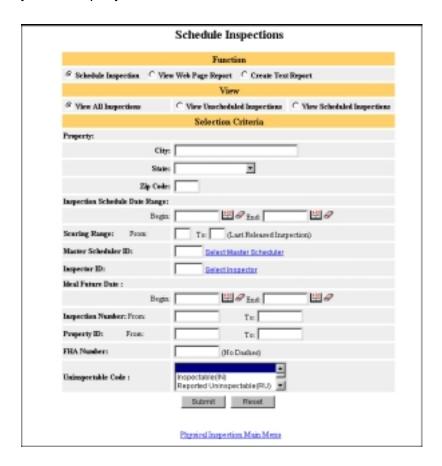
c. Click on the <u>Back to Search Page</u> link to return to the **Schedule Inspections** screen or click on the <u>Physical Inspection Main Menu</u> link to return to the **Physical Inspection Main Menu** screen.

# View Web Page Report Option

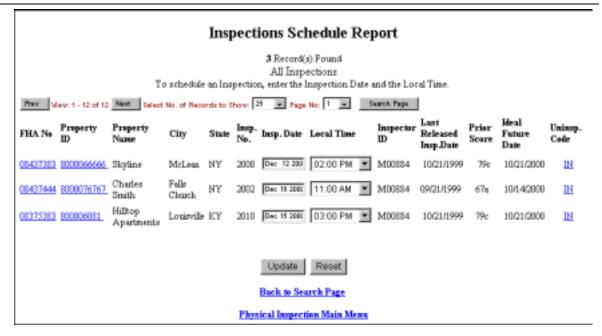
The **View Web Page Report** option allows Independent Inspectors to view or print the **Inspections Schedule Report**. This is a view only screen, and no inspections can be modified. Use the scroll bar to view all the columns, if necessary.

### To view the Web Page Report:

1. Click on the Schedule Inspections query screen.



- 2. Click on the Inspections radio button in the View section.
- 3. Enter data in the appropriate fields in the Selection Criteria section, if necessary.
- 4. Click on the Submit button. The Inspections Schedule Report displays with the inspection schedules matching the submitted criteria (next page).



### To View Property Information:

Click on the *FHA No* or *Property ID* links on the **Inspections Schedule Report** to review and update the **Property Information** screen. This example is for the SKYLINE (800066666) property.



# Independent Inspectors can edit all fields on this screen to update the property information.

- a. Click in the appropriate field and enter new or revised data.
- b. Click on the Update Profile button to save the property information in the database. A message displays confirming the update (next page).

# Update Profile The Profile update was successful. Back to Search Page Physical Inspection Main Menu

c. Click on the <u>Back to Search Page</u> link to return to the **Schedule Inspections** screen or click on the <u>Physical Inspection Main Menu</u> link to return to the **Physical Inspection Main Menu** screen.

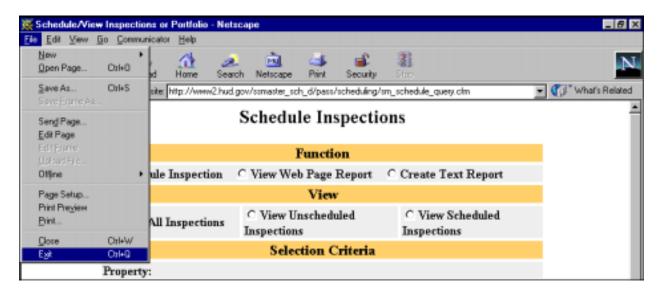
# **Create Text Report Option**

The **Create Text Report** option allows Users to download and update a large volume of data (inspection schedule, inspection property, and inspection participant information) using Microsoft Word. After the data is revised, the data is sent to REAC via the Bulk Upload Process.

**NOTE:** Independent Inspectors do not have access to the Bulk Upload Process so this is unnecessary.

# **Exiting Scheduling**

Independent Inspectors can exit Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling at any time. To exit the system, click on the menu bar of the browser and select *File* and *Close* or *Exit*, or click on the close control icon in the right corner of the screen.



## **Browser Basics**

# Software and Hardware Requirements

The electronic scheduling of physical inspections using PASS Servicing Mortgagee Scheduling software requires computer resources and an Internet browser. The optimum software and hardware resources are recommended for efficiency, although users can operate with the minimum required resources.

### **Optimum Hardware Resources**

Processor: Pentium I00

RAM: 16 MB Modem: 28.8 Video card: 256k

Download file size: 5.8MB Installed file size: 10MB

### **Optimum Software Resources**

Windows 95 Netscape\* 4.5 or HTML-compliant browser application Adobe# Acrobat Reader 4.05

NOTE: Users can download Netscape\* 3.5 or higher (32-bit) from the Internet. The

procedures to download Netscape\* can be found at

http://home.netscape.com/download.

### Minimum Hardware Resources

Processor: 486 RAM: 8 MB Modem: 14.4 kb Video card: 256k

Download file size: 5.5MB Installed file size: 10MB

### **Minimum Software Resources**

Windows 3.1 Netscape\* 3.5 or HTML-compliant browser application Adobe\* Acrobat Reader 3.0

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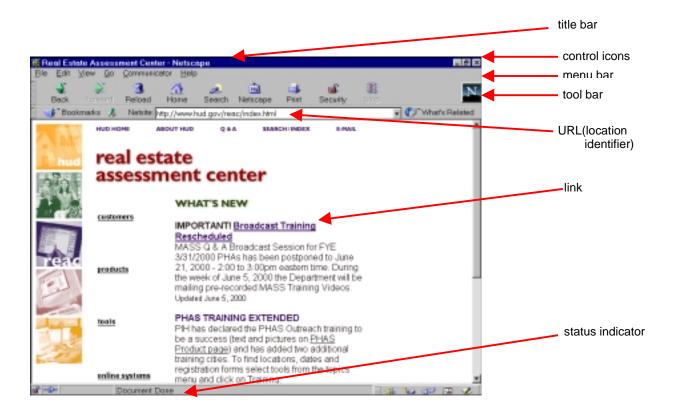
### Internet Basics

The Internet is a worldwide system of computer networks facilitating access to information and people. Using the Internet to access and use HUD's secure systems requires an Internet connection and a computer with a high-speed modem and Netscape 4.5 or an HTML-compliant browser application. A browser allows access to Web pages on the World Wide Web (WWW or the Web). The Web is a universally accepted standard for sharing information in the Internet. The Web consists of information organized into pages stored in computers physically located throughout the world.

**NOTE:** The browser in this example is Netscape. Display may vary according to the browser.

### Web Page

A Web page is a document or application with a unique address on the Web, including links to other pages.



### Title Bar

The title bar at the top of the page displays the title of the document or application of the Web page that is active or currently displayed. When more than one window is open, the title bar of the active window is bold; the other open title bars appear faded.



### **Control Icons**

In the right corner of the title bar, there are three control icons. With a mouse click, the minimize control icon reduces or minimizes the window to the bottom of the page. To enlarge the window back to full size, click on the appropriately titled box at the bottom of the page. The minimize/maximize control icon reduces the window to a smaller size, allowing the user to view other open windows or the desktop. To enlarge the window back to full size, click on the minimize/maximize control icon again.

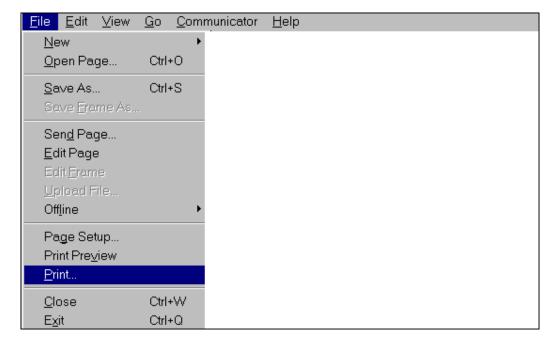
The last control icon is the close control icon. Clicking on this control icon closes the browser application (and the document or application open within the browser) and returns the user to the desktop.

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### Menu Bar

The menu bar provides drop-down menus for browser functions. By placing the cursor over a menu item and clicking on it with a left mouse button, the drop-down menu appears. Highlight the appropriate menu function with the cursor to make a selection.



Available menu functions are text items in bold. Menu functions that are not available appear faded and cannot be activated.

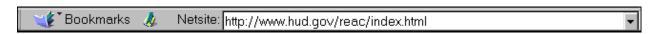
### Tool Bar

The tool bar consists of buttons representing browser functions. Available functions are buttons with bold text and graphics. A tool bar button appears faded if the function is not available.



### Location Identifier

The unique location of the Web document or application is called the Uniform Resource Locator (URL). The URL is used to find a particular Web page among all the computers on the Internet. Enter the desired URL in the *Location* field and press the Enter key.



**NOTE:** The field is labeled "Location" for an Internet site. It is labeled "Netsite" for an intranet (internal/within the organization) site.

### Status

The Netscape browser indicates the status of the action being performed. If the browser is performing an action (for example, searching a database for information): the Netscape

logo to the right of the URL address appears to have comets flying across it, the stop icon on the tool bar is bold and red, and the status indicator line at the bottom of the page (next to the lock icon) describes the status (for example, "Connect . . . Waiting for reply"). Upon completion of the action, the logo returns to its static state, the stop tool appears faded, and the status indicator line reads "Document: Done."



NOTE:

The lock indicates whether the Web page is secure or not. Some Web pages can be secured or blocked from other Internet users if the page contains sensitive information, such as financial or housing information. If the lock is closed, the page is secure. If the lock is open, it is not a secure Web page.

### Links

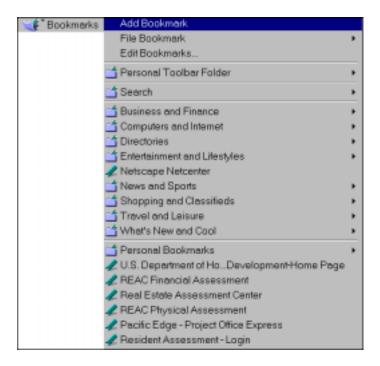
A link provides a method to move quickly from the current page to another Web page. Links are typically underlined, although they do not have to be. Click on a particular link, and it moves you to that particular page. Once the link is accessed, it typically changes color to indicate that you have already accessed the page once before.

### **Bookmarks**

The Bookmarks function is a browser tool that provides users with quick access to a Web page. Once a Web page's title and location is marked as a bookmark in the browser, you do not have to remember and type in the URL or go through a series of links to access that page.

To bookmark the currently displayed Web page, click on Bookmarks to the left of the *Location* field for the drop-down options. Click on the Add Bookmark option to mark the page. The Web page location is added.

All bookmark(s) appear in list form under the Bookmarks option. Clicking on a bookmark in that list takes the user directly to that page.



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